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RESOLUTION CONDEMNING APARTHEID

WHEREAS the Republic of South Africa is the only nation whose laws mandate discrimination and deprivation of basic human and political rights solely on the basis of race and color under a legal system called apartheid; and

WHEREAS the Republic of South Africa has recently passed and put into effect a new constitution which continued this illegal system of apartheid by excluding Black South Africans from participation in the national government; and

WHEREAS malnutrition, high unemployment, and a lack of all political rights are the reality for Black people in South Africa, while white South Africans enjoy the highest standard of living in the world; and

WHEREAS over 3.5 million Blacks - Africans, Asians and "Coloreds" (people of mixed descent) - have been forcibly relocated under apartheid; over 2.5 million Africans have been resettled to remote barren areas known as "homelands"; that in these "homelands" 50% of all children die before the age of five; and

WHEREAS the laws of South Africa make it illegal even to express opposition to apartheid, and its political and economic ramifications; allow for the detention of persons without charge, denies access to counsel or trial; and allows many persons held in detention never to be heard from, beaten and otherwise tortured; and

WHEREAS in the Republic of South Africa, some independent Black trade unions do exist but they operate under strict government control and their leaders are frequently harassed, detained and tortured; and

WHEREAS following a two-day strike on November 5-6, 1984, 13 South African labor union leaders were placed in detention and have not been heard from since; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chicago City Council in meeting this 3rd day of December, 1984, do hereby condemn the illegal and immoral system known as apartheid and we join with other voices across the world calling for the immediate release of all illegally detained persons who were arrested either for their participation in the trade union movement, and specifically the recent strike, or for their opposition to apartheid.

Amendment: Purchasing Dept. should check out contracts -

Submitted by,

Danny K. Davis

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Alderman, 29th Ward

Dec 18th, 1984

passed.

*Cook County
Board of Supervisors
passed a resolution
condemning
apartheid*

Dearborn + Washington